



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

325th Fighter Wing
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COLONEL DOUGLAS COCHRAN

Colonel Douglas R. Cochran is vice commander of the 325th Fighter Wing, Air Education and Training Command, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. The 325th Fighter Wing is comprised of 4,849 personnel and 78 F-15 aircraft, and provides support for about 1,400 additional personnel in 30 associate units. The wing is the exclusive training unit for F-15C pilots as well as air battle managers. The 325th Fighter Wing is also responsible for training intelligence officers and other support specialties for worldwide assignment to combat air force units.

Prior to becoming vice commander of the 325th Fighter Wing, Colonel Cochran was assigned as the Director of Assignments, Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. There he was responsible for the assignment of more than 70,000 officers below the rank of colonel and 279,000 enlisted personnel.



Colonel Cochran was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Maryland, College Park, Md., in 1977. He began his Air Force career as a security police officer before entering pilot training in the spring of 1980. He has served in a variety of flying, staff and command assignments, having commanded at the flight, squadron and group levels. Colonel Cochran is a command pilot with more than 2,800 flying hours.

EDUCATION:

- 1977 Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology, University of Maryland, College Park, Md.
- 1983 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1984 Master's degree in Business Administration, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas
- 1984 Marine Corps Command and Staff (by correspondence)
- 1990 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1996 Air War College (by correspondence)
- 1998 Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College
- 1998 Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. November 1977-April 1980, security police officer, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

2. April 1980-April 1981, student undergraduate pilot training, 47th Student Squadron, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
3. April 1981-October 1984, T-38 instructor pilot, academic instructor, class commander and wing executive officer, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
4. October 1984-April 1985, student, F-15 Replacement Training Unit, 405th Tactical Training Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
5. April 1985-June 1988, F-15 flight commander, instructor pilot, 94th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
6. June 1988-June 1989, F-15 assistant operations officer, Instructor Pilot, 57th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Keflavik Naval Air Station, Iceland
7. June 1989-June 1990, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
8. June 1990-April 1993, chief of Officer Assignments Division, Directorate of Personnel, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
9. April 1993-June 1993, F-15 Upgrade Training, 95th Fighter Squadron, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.
10. June 1993-December 1993, assistant operations officer, 60th Fighter Squadron, 33d Fighter Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
11. December 1993-December 1994, operations officer, 59th Fighter Squadron, 33d Fighter Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
12. December 1994-May 1995, chief of safety, 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
13. May 1995-October 1996, commander, 58th Fighter Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
14. October 1996-July 1997, director of staff, 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
15. August 1997-June 1998, student, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
16. July 1998-March 1999, deputy group commander, 18th Operations Group, 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, Japan
17. March 1999-December 2000, commander, 18th Operations Group, 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, Japan
18. January 2001-May 2001, chief, Operations Assignments Division, Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas
19. June 2001-May 2002, director of assignments, Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas
20. May 2002-present, vice commander, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot
 Flight Hours: More than 2,800 hours
 Aircraft Flown: T-38, F-15
 Pilot Wings from: Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Purple Heart
 Legion of Merit Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
 Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster
 Aerial Achievement Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

Combat Readiness Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Southwest Asia Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Nov 5, 1977
First Lieutenant	Nov 5, 1979
Captain	Nov 5, 1981
Major	Mar 1, 1987
Lieutenant Colonel	Apr 1, 1992
Colonel	Jul 1, 1998

(Current as of September 2002)